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lore", and "stories for Christmas and Easter". The author has had wide experience in work with children, particularly in the church school and writes as one who knows what will interest them. (Publ.)

Knudson, Albert C. Abingdon-Cokesbury
BASIC ISSUES IN CHRISTIAN THOUGHT $2.75

The former dean of the Boston University School of Theology writes out of a lifetime of leadership in the fields of philosophy and theology. Dr. Knudsen takes the position that many Christians of today are being misled by a superficial naturalism with its false optimism and, on the other hand, are confused by the bewildering paradoxes and pessimism of neo-orthodoxy. He pleads for a Christian faith which shall be grounded both in faith and in reason. It is a book which will buttress the faith of Protestant theologians of liberal tendencies. A book for theologians and ministers who are trying to think through the theological issues of the day. (Publ.)

Murrell, Gladys C. Abingdon-Cokesbury
PATTERNS FOR DEVOTION $1.25

This little book contains twenty-seven story worship services designed as suggestions for those who must conduct worship services. For each service, there is a suggested scripture passage, appropriate hymns, a prayer and a short story or anecdote. To some they will seem so simple as to border on the banal, but others will realize, as has Mrs. Murrell, that the truths of the Gospel message have to be couched in simple, easily understood forms if the masses are to accept them. Would be of interest primarily to leaders of groups in Protestant churches. (Publ.)

Schmitz, Charles H. Abingdon-Cokesbury
WINDOWS TOWARD GOD $1.25

D.R. The pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Syracuse, N.Y., has a demonstrated ability to use the radio effectively for short devotional messages. In this little volume Dr. Schmitz has made available to the reading public 86 of these messages. They are short, pithy, made vivid by apt illustrations and arresting phrases. A short prayer follows each message. Appropriate for devotional use, but ministers will find here much usable illustrative material. (Publ.)

Spann, J. Richard- *Ed.* Abingdon-Cokesbury
FRUITS OF FAITH $2.50

This volume grew out of a conference on Ministerial Training and consists of eighteen lectures, adapted to book form. The scholars contributing all address themselves to the results of Christian faith. The book falls into three parts: I-The Faith; II-Fruits in the Individual and III-Fruits in Society. Protestant ministers and others concerned to achieve a better understanding of the Christian faith and its working in the world will find in this volume thoughtful presentations by able leaders in several different denominations. (Publ.)

Lantz, J. Edward- *Ed.* Association Press
STORIES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING $2.50

Here we have a collection of short stories drawn from secular and religious periodicals. All of the eighteen stories deal with people like ourselves who are facing problems familiar to us all, and coming through with solutions which are in line with Christian ideals and standards. The stories are well told and contain dramatic values which make them suitable for illustrative purposes and for retelling to youth groups. It is to leaders of youth groups that the book will be most useful. (10/?).

Mays, Benjamin E.- *Ed.* Association Press
A GOSPEL FOR THE SOCIAL AWAKENING $2.00
*Selections from the writings of* Walter Rauschenbusch

* Rauschenbusch is regarded as the chief prophet of the "social gospel" and has inspired some of the most forward-looking men the Protestant Church has produced in this last generation. The reissue of selections from his writings is timely, as it is the fashion in some theological circles to dismiss lightly the "social gospel" as reflecting a naively idealistic and optimistic belief in human progress. This volume should prove that here was no believer in inevitable human progress. His whole message was rooted in God- and few men of our time have such a keen sense of the pervasiveness of human sin. There are many in the church who will welcome this book and be strengthened in their commitment to the Kingdom of God. (Oct.)

National Recreation Association Association Press
RECREATION ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS $3.00

This is not in any sense a religious book, but many leaders of church activities will find it more immediately useful than many a learned theological treatise. It is a book that will get them over many a tight spot in planning for a church social or young people's gathering. It includes hundreds of indoor and outdoor activities- table and floor games, quizzes, pencil and paper games, stunts, contests, skits, charades, musical games etc. Detailed directions are given for each activity. As this manual has been prepared by members of the staff of the National Recreation Association, it has behind it a wealth of experience in the field of recreation. This should be a standard book in this field for years to come. (Publ.)

Bregy, Katherine Bruce
QUEEN OF PARADOX $3.00

Mary Queen of Scots has been a favorite subject both for biographers and playwrights. It is not surprising therefore that to a series of books giving the Catholic interpretation of English history there should be added a new life of this attractive but controversial character. The author is a well-known writer for Catholic publications and she has given us a well written and interesting version of the life of Mary. It is a more sympathetic account than that of most historians and biographers, for while Katherine Bregy admits Mary's weaknesses and mistakes, she emphasizes not only the attractiveness of her personality but the steadfastness of her faith. "Potentially, perhaps even actually, Mary was both sinner and saint", maintains the author, whose final judgment seems to be that she was an exponent of tolerance, more sinned against than sinning and that her place in history should be that of martyr and saint. All students of the Elizabethan era would be interested in this book, but only Catholics are likely to agree entirely with the author's appraisal of this appealing figure. *Imprimatur.* (Publ.)

Buehrle, Marie Cecilia Bruce
SAINT MARIA GORETTI $2.50

This summer great crowds of Italians and Holy Year pilgrims assembled to witness the canonization of Maria Goretti at Rome. In the presence of the Pope, eleven cardinals and more than a hundred bishops, a peasant girl who died defending her honor 48 years ago was made a saint. This is her story, told with uncritical and pious devotion. Maria Goretti was eleven years old when a 19 year old youth attempted to rape her. Maria resisted and was fatally stabbed. On her death bed she prayed for the salvation of her murderer. This prayer was answered and Alessandro was converted in prison and on the day of Maria's canonization did penance for her in the Capuchin monastery where he works. The book is dedicated to Assunta Goretti, the girl's mother. Now 86 years old, she watched the ceremonies of canonization, the only mother ever to witness the canonization of her child. This is a book which will appeal only to devout Catholics. There is a preface by Cardinal Canali. *Imprimatur.* (Publ.)

Cronin, John F. Bruce
CATHOLIC SOCIAL PRINCIPLES ~~$3.50~~ 6.00

* This is a carefully prepared exposition of the position of the Roman Catholic Church on social-economic problems. The use of the term *social* in the title and the text is unfortunate since there are many social problems (the race problem, for instance) which are not dealt with at all. However, within the field of economic life, the author has done a thorough piece of work and his will be a very valuable book for study and for reference. Each chapter is prefaced by quotations from the appropriate papal encyclicals. Then follows an interpretation and an elaboration by the author. The first part of the book deals with the general teachings of the Church on this subject. In the second part attention is directed to special fields of concern such as capital, labor, property, the state and international economic life. Finally there is an appraisal of the major schools of thought which affect American Catholics. The chapter on communism will be of particular interest to the general public. The book is designed for general reading by Catholics interested in this field, for the clergy and for teachers in Catholic schools and colleges. But non-Catholics too will be impressed and edified by this authoritative statement of the Catholic position on some of the most important issues of our day. The book bears the imprimatur of Archbishop Boyle of Washington. (Publ.)

Hallack, Cecily Crowell
THE LEGION OF MARY $3.00

This is the story of the founding and growth of a modern missionary movement within the Roman Catholic Church. Started in Dublin in 1919 with a small group of Catholics who were concerned about the condition of "the down and out", the Legion has expanded its ministry to the men and women farthest down the ladder not only in Ireland, but in England, Scotland, America, India, France, Spain and other countries. The work is characterized not only by a religious "concern" but by an intelligent understanding of the nature of the problem from a social and economic point of view. Coupled with this ministry has been an attempt through carefully planned "retreats" to interpret the Catholic faith to non-Catholics. The contention of the author is that there are people alive today who are as truly "saints" as was St. Francis of Assisi although they may not be known nor recognized nor canonized. A book primarily of interest to Catholics, but non-Catholic readers will find it another evidence of the fact that Catholicism today is an aggressive force in the world. *Imprimatur.* (Publ.)

Johnstone, Margaret Blair Doubleday
CREATE YOUR OWN TOMORROW $2.50

The author of this book is one of the few women ministers in the Congregational Church. She has entered into the work of the ministry in no perfunctory fashion, but has delved deep into the human problems that confront any minister who likes people, understands them and wants to use the power of religion to help them. In this volume she shares with the reading public her experience in pastoral counselling. The book is divided into four sections; (1) How to Live with Yourself; (2) Happiness is Homemade; (3) Getting along with Others; (4) You Create Your own Tomorrow. While the author is familiar with psychological techniques as well as the religious approach in dealing with human problems her book is singularly free of jargon and cliches. She illustrates every point from individual cases and the whole book is so down-to-earth that anyone who is dealing with human beings and trying to help them will find practical suggestions of value. (10/5).

Keller, James M. M. Doubleday
ONE MOMENT PLEASE $2.00

D.R. This is a book of devotional readings for each day in the year. Each day's reading consists of a short story, an anecdote, or meditation, a scripture passage and a sentence prayer. The author has drawn his material largely from contemporary life based on his reading and observation. There is nothing very profound about any of these readings but many Protestants as well as Catholics will find them helpful, and preachers and other public speakers will find here much illustrative material. *Imprimatur.* (10/19).

O'Brien, John A.- *Ed.* Doubleday
WHERE I FOUND CHRIST $2.50

The sub-title gives a much more accurate description of this book than its title. "The Intimate Personal Stories of Fourteen Converts to the Catholic Faith" tells exactly the kind of a book this is. The converts are for the most part writers and publicists and they tell their story interestingly. Most of them came into the Catholic Church out of Protestantism, although there is at least one Jew among them. Included are an ex-communist and a former labor leader. Thomas Merton, whose books have had such a wide reading is the best known among them. The story of Avery Dulles, son of John Foster Dulles, is the best written and most deeply spiritual contribution. The book is no doubt designed for searchers for the truth in the hope that these testimonies may help them along the way to Rome. The editor has an opening and closing chapter of interpretation in which this purpose is made quite clear. But Protestants might also profit by reading this book through discovering what these fourteen people found lacking in the Protestant churches. (Some might even be impelled to compile the stories of converts from Catholicism to Protestantism, giving to it also the title "Where I Found Christ".) *Imprimatur.* (Publ.)

Oursler, Fulton Doubleday
WHY I KNOW THERE IS A GOD $2.00

* Fulton Oursler has made the revival of religious faith the great passion of his life and he communicates that passion through all of his writings. He believes that a vital faith is desperately necessary to solve our personal and national and international problems. He makes his plea in this volume through a series of stories relating the spiritual experience of a variety of individuals including Branch Rickey, Rose Hawthorne, Tony Montiero, a Presbyterian industrial Chaplain, Fulton J. Sheen. This is good, virile, convincing writing. While Oursler is a Catholic, his emphasis in this book is broadly non-sectarian and it can be safely recommended to people of all faiths. *Imprimatur.* (Publ.)

Robinson, James H. Farrar, Straus
ROAD WITHOUT TURNING $3.00

* We have had a large number of books about Negroes and a considerable number of autobiographies of Negroes but none is more deserving of a wide reading than this life story of the pastor of the Church of the Master (Presbyterian) in New York. It may not rank high for its literary style, for the author makes no pretense of that. It is as if this quiet-spoken Negro minister were sitting across from you, telling the story of his life. He takes us back to his childhood in the poorest and most sordid "bottoms" of Knoxville and tells of the poverty and the hunger he knew, of life among the Negroes furthest down, of their silent hatred of the whites who despised them, of their gangs with their fights and thievings. He takes us to the Negro slums of Cleveland and Youngstown, which seemed at a distance like the promised land, but which held for an ambitious young man restrictions and discriminations which rankled his sensitive soul. He tells of his successful fight for an education, of life at a Negro university and at a White Seminary where discrimination still embittered. He tells of a venture as a pastor in the deep south and of his narrow escape from lynching, because he did not try to persuade his people to "know their place". And he tells of life as a pastor in Harlem, of his struggle with delinquents, his battle for an inter-racial hospital and of his continuing campaign to find more and more places for Negro students in "White" universities. Jim Robinson has come through all of this with a recognition that in his battle for justice for the Negro he has on his side an ever-increasing number of enlightened Whites as well as awakened Negroes. He knows the road towards real freedom, real democracy, real justice, is indeed a road without turning for all who share his vision and faith. While this is the story of a Protestant minister, it is more than that -- the story of an enlightened, consecrated, determined Negro. It is a book which could have a large sale if it "catches on". It deserves it. (Publ.)

Bewer, Julius A. Harper
THE BOOK OF ISAIAH - (Volume 1) $.75

The third issue in Harper's annotated Bible series covers chapters 1-39 of the Book of Isaiah. The later chapters of Isaiah are now quite generally attributed to other authorship and are treated in other volumes of the series. Professor Bewer gives in a preface the reasons why scholars have assigned authorship of Chapters 40-66 to other prophets and indicates that not all of Chapters 1-39 come from the prophet Isaiah himself. An introduction gives the historical setting, a brief sketch of the life of Isaiah and a chronological table all of which are of definite assistance in interpreting the text. Then follows the King James version of Chapters 1-39 with critical notes by the author. These little books are handy tools for Bible students, as they give in condensed form the findings of the best Biblical scholars. (Publ.)

Broomell, Anna Pettit- *Ed.* Harper
WHAT DO YOU THINK? $2.50

This book contains a selection of folk tales of ancient India as retold by Mable Ashe Beling, with an outline for discussions based on each tale. It is designed as a book for youth and their leaders in discussion groups. The author has used these stories with success, and other leaders of youth report that this method of using good literature as a guide in life situations has resulted in stimulating discussions. For leaders of high school age in schools and churches. Non-sectarian, emphasis more upon ethics than upon religion. (Publ.)

Burkhart, Roy A. Harper
THE SECRET OF LIFE $1.25

Individuals and groups concerned with the development of the spiritual life will welcome this new book from the pen of the dynamic pastor of the Community Church of Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Burkhart calls for a deep plumbing into the meaning of life. He draws upon his experience in his own congregation and its organized groups in discussing what we are and what we are not, having the dominant wish, finding the meaning of prayer and the freedom to love and believe. He also submits a plan for individual and group research and training which is suggestive. There is a brief but very well chosen bibliography. (Publ.)

Clark, Thomas Curtis- *Ed.* Harper
TODAY IS MINE $1.50

D.R. *This book - one of the better volumes of this sort, offers a page of devotional reading for each day of the year. The editor and compiler is one of our best known religious poets and his choice of material shows his wide reading of contemporary religious literature and an unusual sensitivity both to truth and to beauty. For each day there is a meditation, a scripture passage or poem and a prayer. Men like Tittle, Sockman, Fosdick, Gilkey, Jowett, Luccock, Hough, Buttrick and Kagawa are most often quoted. (Publ.)

Heard, Gerald Harper
IS GOD IN HISTORY? $3.00

This book is a sequel to the author's volume: "Is God Evident?" In that book Gerald Heard produced evidences of God in nature and came to the conclusion that the existence of God is a valid inference from a study of natural history. In the present volume he directs his inquiry into the past in the endeavor to find evidences of God at work in human history. In view of Toynbee's monumental study of history and the attention given to an interpretation of history by such theologians as Niebuhr, it is timely to have a scholar of the standing of Gerald Heard address himself to this problem. An anthropologist and well known writer on religious as well as scientific subjects and a leading proponent of mysticism in religion, Gerald Heard brings to a study such as this genuine scholarship and deep religious insights. This is scarcely a book for the man in the street, but theologians, philosophers, students of history and those interested in finding a rational basis for the Christian faith will welcome this volume. (Publ.)

Holmes, John Haynes- *Intro. by* Harper
GANDHI'S LETTERS TO A DISCIPLE $2.50

This is a collection of letters written by Mahatma Gandhi to one of his devoted disciples, an Englishwoman, Madeleine Slade, who changed her name to that of Mira behn. The letters are a revelation of one of those extraordinary relationships of teacher and disciple which are quite often found in the history of religion. For this Englishwoman gave up her way of life entirely, joined Gandhi's Ashram and became one of his most devoted disciples. The letters are brief and deal for the most part with intimate details of life in the Ashram. Little is said except by indirection of the world-shaking events in which Gandhi had a part. The letters do however give glimpses of the kind of life Gandhi led and of the spiritual principles by which he guided his life and will, therefore, be treasured by the great number of people who revere the memory of the Mahatma. (Publ.)

Kagawa, Toyohiko Harper
MEDITATIONS $1.25

D.R. *This new book of meditations by the noted Japanese Christian and reformer should have an appeal to many Christians in America. Kagawa's name is often bracketed with those of Albert Schweitzer and Wilfred Grenfell as the outstanding Christians of our generation. The publication of this little book is especially timely, as Kagawa is to be in the United States this Fall and Winter and will be heard in many of the large cities of the country. Kagawa gained his fame by his self-identification with the lowliest classes in Japan and by his battles for a larger measure of social and economic justice for the masses. That his life is motivated not simply by a social service ideal but by a deep religious experience and thorough-going commitment is evidenced by these meditations. There are 101 short meditations and they cover a wide range of topics dealing with the deep things of the spiritual life. It would be well to watch for announcements of Kagawa's visits and to display the book prominently at that time. (Publ.)

Latourette, Kenneth Scott Harper
THESE SOUGHT A COUNTRY $1.75

Professor Latourette endeavors in this book to indicate that it is still possible for an individual to influence the world for good despite the evil forces which seem to be hurrying mankind to its doom. This thesis the author substantiates by an outline of the life, work and influence of five persons: William Carey, Samuel John Mills, Hudson Taylor, Timothy Richard, and Joseph Hardy Neesima. Two of them were English, one Welsh, one American and one Japanese. All of them were prominent in the foreign missionary work of the western evangelical churches. Professor Latourette, of the faculty of Yale University, is the most competent historian of the missionary movement, and as history is best interpreted in terms of the lives of the individuals who have made it, this little book reveals the essential driving force of that significant movement. Useful for group study by young and old, and for reading by Protestants who want to be better acquainted with the men who made missions. (Publ.)

Tittle, Ernest Fremont Harper
A MIGHTY FORTRESS $2.50

The late Dr. Tittle, for many years the pastor of the First Methodist Church of Evanston, Ill., was one of Protestantism's truly great preachers. This is borne out not only in the glowing words of appreciation by Paul Hutchinson, editor of *The Christian Century* in his foreword, but in this selection of Dr. Tittle's sermons. A liberal, a courageous proponent of the social gospel, Dr. Tittle brought his religion down into the ordinary ways of men with insight, passion and conviction. Abounding with illustrative material from literature and life, this is a book which should be of instruction and help to many a preacher and a treasured possession to the host of Dr. Tittle's friends and admirers. (Publ.)

Schoen, Max — Knopf

THE MAN JESUS WAS — $3.00

* This book written by a Jew should have a wide reading both among Jews and among Christians. It is a well written, scholarly and very readable book. Its point of view, however, is not likely to be acceptable either to the orthodox Jew or the orthodox Christian, as the author admits. Professor Schoen has great reverence for the historical Jesus. He regards him as a God-intoxicated man in whose spirit and in whose religious convictions lie the only bases for the transformation of society. This will not please the orthodox Jew. His position is that Jesus was no mere reformer, no mere prophet in the Old Testament sense, no mere teacher, but a flaming interpreter of God. But the author also denies that Jesus came to be the founder of a new religion or to be the Saviour of the World. Christians will not accept that. In his foreword Professor Schoen admits this: "The Jew forgets, because of what the Christian has done to him in the name of Jesus, that Jesus was a genius of the spirit, and the Christian ignores, because of what he claims the Jew did to Jesus, that Jesus was a Jew." So the great Galilean is maligned in one camp and distorted in another, the author claims. But Jesus the religious genius lives on, a reproach to his detractors for their blindness and a promise for their enlightenment. This is a book which should be placed alongside of Fosdick's *"The Man of Nazareth"*. (Publ.)

Levis Mirepoix, Duc de — Longmans, Green

JEANNE OF FRANCE, *Princess and Saint* — $3.75

This book introduces to many a figure almost ignored by history, Joan, known as the Lame,crippled daughter of Louis XI of France, contemporary of Joan of Arc. Her father was infuriated at having a deformed daughter, but managed to arrange a marriage to the then Duke of Orleans, a lad of 14. Eventually, the Duke succeeded to the throne as Louis XII, divorced his crippled queen, and married first Anne of Brittany, then Mary Tudor of England. Cast off by her husband, disdained by the world, the princess Joan proved herself a true princess and a real saint, by founding the rule of Annonciade under the Franciscan Order, and by setting an example of true piety that has left a deep mark upon the life of the Church. Unfortunately for its religious value the book is devoted largely to the political machinations of the French court, with little space given to Joan's religious experience and leadership. Translated from the French by Charlotte T. Muret. *Imprimatur.* (10/25)

Douglass, Earl L.- *Ed.* — Macmillan

THE SNOWDEN-DOUGLASS SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS 1951 — $2.50

Despite the growing use of graded lessons in Protestant Church Schools there are still thousands of Protestant Sunday Schools that use the uniform lessons, particularly for young people and adults. For teachers of such classes the annual edited by Dr. Douglass has proven its worth over the years. For 1951 the schedule of lessons is as follows: First Quarter:- Mark- The Gospel of Action, Second Quarter:- Great Epochs of the Bible (a survey course of Bible history), Third Quarter:- Christian Teaching on Human Relations (the application of Christianity to the practical problems of the day), Fourth Quarter:- The Beginning of the Hebrew Nation. In each lesson the selected Biblical passage is given in full, followed by an interpretation. Topics for discussion are suggested and then follow some valuable hints to the teachers. Dr. Douglass seems to have the ability to bring out the positive teaching of each lesson without engaging in a discussion of controversial issues. Sunday School teachers in the smaller Churches are the most likely prospects for this book. (10/10).

Goldstein, Morris — Macmillan

JESUS IN THE JEWISH TRADITION — $3.75

Here we have a Jewish rabbi telling the story of what is known concerning Jesus in Jewish life and literature. To get at the story necessitated a great amount of careful research on the part of the author. He has carefully combed the records of Judaism beginning with the Talmud and the Midrash and continuing through the Jewish literature of the intervening centuries to uncover references to Jesus, allusions to him and other evidences bear-

ing on the Jewish conception of the place of Jesus in history. It is a scholarly work which should be valuable both to Jewish and Christian Church historians and theologians and should lead to a better understanding between the two groups, for the author's approach is quite objective. (10/10).

Lofts, Norah — Macmillan

ESTHER — $2.00

This is a re-telling of the story of Esther as it is given in the Bible, with background and atmosphere rather skilfully added to lend drama to the story. The author does make Esther, Mordecai, Artixerxes, Vashti and Haman come alive. But the simple language of the King James version is hard to improve upon, the story as told in Scriptures difficult to embellish. The author has artistically gilded the lily. (Publ.)

Moore, Monsignor E. Roberts — Macmillan

ROMAN COLLAR — $3.00

* Monsignor Moore has set out in this book to answer the question so frequently asked: "What does a priest do?" This he does in a vivid and intensely interesting account of his own life and work as a priest of the Roman Catholic Church in New York City. A part of the story tells of his work at St. Peter's Church on Barclay Street in down town New York. He relates in detail and with a saving sense of humor all of the calls that are made for the services of a parish priest - his visits to the sick and dying, his mediation in domestic troubles, his handling of marriages, his dealing with delinquent youngsters and with over-worked scrub-women. Father Moore was a priest with a great interest in social problems and that interest landed him an assignment to the diocesan office in charge of the Catholic social action program in the city. His responsibilities while in this special service were many and varied. He was instrumental in organizing the Catholic Youth Organization; he was a leader in the Boy Scout Movement and was responsible for working out the present amicable relationships between the Catholic Church and the Boy Scout National Organization. He was much interested in public housing and was one of the original members of the New York City Housing Authority. But through all of this executive work Monsignor Moore remained first and foremost a priest and one senses that his eventual return to St. Peter's as the pastor was a real home-coming. Presumably this book would interest Catholic especially, but Protestants and especially Protestant ministers would gain through this book a better understanding of the Catholic Church in operation than through a dozen theological works. Try the non-Catholic audience for *The Cardinal* as a possible market for this factual book. *Imprimatur.* (10/10) 11/28

Oxnam, G. Bromley — Macmillan

THE CHURCH AND CONTEMPORARY CHANGE — $2.50

Bishop Oxnam is well known for the forthright expression of his views on public questions. Not all agree with him by any means, but he has a way of getting and keeping attention when he speaks and when he writes. Oxnam is immersed in the contemporary scene, but he views it always as a Christian and endeavors to bring to bear upon it the insight and vision of the Christ as he understands Him. In the present book Bishop Oxnam brings together the views which he has been expressing publicly. He discusses the nature of the contemporary crisis and asserts that the fundamental characteristic of our age is changed. The basic question, he asserts, is whether the change is to be by consent or coercion. In this and succeeding chapters he deals extensively with the question of communism. He then takes up the function of the minister in the new age, pleading for prophetic leadership. In the chapter on religious liberty and the changing world Bishop Oxnam reopens the Protestant - Catholic controversy over religious liberty and its significance in our educational system. His chapter on *"The Social-service State and Serfdom"* deals with the place and function of government in society today. And finally he outlines a Christian strategy for this changing world. Throughout the book Oxnam draws largely upon the findings of the Amsterdam Conference of the World Council of Churches, the pronouncements of the Federal Council of Churches and the declarations of the recent conference on the Church and Economic Life in all of which he played a prominent part. Will appeal to liberals in theological and social thinking. (10/24) 11/21

Strong, Kendrick Macmillan

SAGEBRUSH CIRCUIT $3.00

If there is anyone who believes that the frontier has disappeared from American life he would be disabused of that idea by a reading of this book. It is the story of the experience of a young divinity student in what is described as "the sagebrush country" of an unnamed state, probably Montana or one of the Dakotas. The main point of interest in the story, aside from the insight given into the crudities of life in that area, is the struggle carried on by the student with an ecstatic sect known as "The Single Gospel Church" led by two personable but fanatical young women evangelists. The frank revelation of the way this ecstatic sect divided that rural community is of importance to Protestants because that is a situation which obtains in many communities. Apparently the author lost his battle, for at the end of the book he reveals that upon returning to the scene of his student pastorate he found that the church building in which he served was "broken-windowed, weather-blackened, standing forlornly with its weed-choked yard", while nearby stood "a trim little brick church with stained glass windows and neat lawn and a sign which read "The Single Gospel Church". Protestant students of religious life would do well to ponder this story of the losing battle of conventional Protestantism in one community. (Publ.)

Waddell, Helen Macmillan

STORIES FROM THE HOLY WRIT $2.75

Helen Waddell has the gift of story telling. A generation ago she told these stories to her nephews and nieces. Upon the insistence of these nephews and nieces, now grown up, she has gathered them together in book form and made them available to parents and teachers of this generation for re-telling to their children. As the title indicates these are Bible stories. In the telling Helen Waddell dramatized the stories, thus unconsciously displaying a technique which modern religious educators make much of. For parents and teachers. Non-sectarian but with Protestant pre-suppositions. (Publ.)

Wedel, Theodore P. Macmillan

THE CHRISTIANITY OF MAIN STREET $2.00

* This is a vigorous and convincing indictment of the easy-going Christianity of the man on the street. Popular present-day Christianity is described as "Golden Rule Idealism" without theology or dogma. This humanistic interpretation of Christianity makes man not God the chief actor in the drama of moral progress. It interprets the Gospel as the hero story of Jesus who set before us an example and bade us follow him. In contrast the author sets forth "classical Christianity" as the story of God's redemptive act, with God the chief actor in life's drama and with the crucifixion and the resurrection rather than the teaching of Jesus as the crucially important elements. The author maintains that Christianity without theology and without a creed cannot vitally affect individuals of society. It is an exceedingly able exposition of the point of view which has become known in Protestant circles as "neo-orthodoxy". He has summarized in this small volume in a simple style and telling argument a theological position which some theologians have taken long volumes to expound. Recommended for Protestants of all schools of thought as a clear and concise statement of the neo-orthodox position. (10/24)

Maynard, Theodore McGraw-Hill

THE CROWN AND THE CROSS: $4.50

*A Biography of Thomas Cromwell*

A well-known Catholic historian shows in this biography of the grandfather of Oliver Cromwell, the results of careful study of the reign of Henry VIII, epochal era for the Catholic Church. The story is told of Thomas Cromwell's rise to power and the part he played in the persecution of the monastic orders and the final separation of the Church of England from Rome. Many historians will take issue with some of his claims; though few will defend Thomas Cromwell as an upright and noble man, they won't agree with the extent of his evil influence. Maynard claims that Cromwell changed England from a land of brilliance and

and happiness to a land where "a pall of gloom had descended", with nobles murdered, poor robbed, monks and nuns plundered, clergy brow-beaten, and arbitrary tyranny imposed. Definitely a Catholic interpretation of an historical personage and era.

Sheen, Monsignor Fulton J. McGraw-Hill
LIFT UP YOUR HEART $3.00

* Monsignor Sheen is one of the most effective propagandists for the Roman Catholic faith. Whether from the pulpit, over the radio or in his articles and books, Monsignor Sheen defends vigorously, aggressively and convincingly the faith for which he stands. In the present volume Sheen speaks of the needs of men which are driving so many people to psychologists and psycho-analysts. He speaks to men who are confused, anxious and troubled. He speaks to the materialistically inclined, self-centered people of our day. He naturally is intent to demonstrate that their needs can be met only by the faith of the Roman Church. He is especially concerned to face his readers with the necessity of strict moral and spiritual discipline. Too many are seeking an easy way out which will cost them nothing. This is a delusion. Men must subject themselves to the moral law, submit to the demands of God. A good part of the book is devoted to an analysis of the *ego* and the *I*. "The *ego* is what we think we are; the *I* is what we are in fact." His plea is for the bringing of life up from the level of the *ego*, to the *I*, and to the divine. An out and out Catholic book, but many another will want to read this book, for when Fulton Sheen speaks people listen; when he writes, people read. *Imprimatur*. (Publ.)

Purcell, William E. Morehouse-Gorham
FIVE MINUTES TO TWELVE $2.00

* This is an American edition of a book which has had a wide sale in England under the title, *"These Thy God."* It is a popular and penetrating diagnosis of the desperate plight of modern civilization and a plea for the undergirding of our individual and social life by moral and spiritual principles before it is too late to save civilization as we know it. The indifference, the confusion, the materialism, the agnosticism, the lowered moral standards among youth and in the family and their effects are described in language that the man in the street can understand. It closes with a plea to make Christ "the Head of every house, the Unseen Guest at every meal, the Silent Listener to every conversation." The book is vividly written and the illustrations by Arthur Wragg are unusual. Apt to be more effective and more widely read than volumes that are more weighty. (Publ.)

MacLennan, David W., D.D. Oxford
A PREACHER'S PRIMER $1.50

The Professor of Preaching and Pastoral Care at Yale Divinity School shares with a wider public the substance of a series of lectures delivered at a ministers' conference on the function of the preacher. The book deals with various aspects of the work of the ministry, such as "The Preacher as Interpreter", "The Preacher as Prophet", "The Preacher as Therapist", "The Preacher as Spiritual Athlete." It will therefore be of particular interest to preachers and theological students. Professor MacLennan writes interestingly, with a fresh approach to the subject and a penetrating insight into the nature of a modern minister's problem. (Publ.)

Pittenger, The Rev. W. Norman, S.T.D. Oxford
THE HISTORIC FAITH AND A CHANGING WORLD $2.50

* This is a well-written and thought-provoking book and deserves a wide reading. The author is on the staff of General Theological Seminary, New York and is an Episcopalian of the "High Church" School. However, this study of the contemporary scene and of current theological trends is by no means sectarian in nature, although the author's theological position is of course made clear. The first part of the book is devoted to a survey of the contemporary American scene and the troubles that beset modern man. The author delineates the major assumptions by which our people order their lives and judges them by Christian

standards. Then Dr. Pittenger examines and interprets the new trend in our religious life popularly called "neo-orthodoxy". The author is penetrating in his analysis, balanced in his judgments and constructive in his conclusions. Ministers of all denominations, particularly those interested in or troubled by "neo-orthodoxy", and others concerned in the impact of organized religion upon the life of America should welcome this book. To be pushed. (Publ.)

Watts, Alan W. Pantheon Books

THE SUPREME IDENTITY $3.00

"An Essay on Oriental Metaphysic and the Christian Religion"- so runs the subtitle. Professor Watts has an answer to the spiritual bankruptcy of western civilization. He urges Christians to study to understand the spiritual traditions of Asia and to come to terms with them. He is not pleading for any doctrinal changes in the Christian faith, nor for any merging of religions in a common faith. Rather he endeavors to point out that the metaphysical knowledge of "the ultimate reality", "the supreme identity" is at the basis not only of Eastern faiths but of Christianity at its deepest and best. He resents the relegation of the study of eastern religions to the cults and to specialists in the field of comparative religion. Each chapter is preceded by an outline of the argument. This is helpful, for the book is not easily read. It is, however, a book worth digging into. Non-Catholic Christians, devout or nominal, are its potential readers. (Publ.)

Weisfeld, Israel H. Prentice-Hall

PULPIT TREASURY OF WIT AND HUMOR $2.50

Clergymen are noted as raconteurs. Let just a few of them get together at a time of relaxation and the "good stories" begin to fly. Many, too, have found an anecdote useful to drive home a point or to relieve a tense situation. Some clergymen seem to have an inexhaustible supply of anecdotes. Others are limited to the story they heard last week or read the day before in a book or magazine. For such clergy Rabbi Weisfeld has assembled a collection of stories all having to do with the clergyman (of all faiths) and his work. The stories are classified by topics- weddings, children, the home, the pulpit, church giving, the toastmaster etc. Many will find it a handy book to have around. (10/30).

Page, Kirby- *Ed.* Rinehart

LIVING JOYOUSLY: $1.50

*An Anthology of Devotional Readings for 365 Days*

D.R. *Kirby Page has placed an entire generation of Protestant Christians in his debt for his books and lectures on international, economic and social problems. But through all of his long career as a lecturer and publicist Kirby Page has never obscured his fundamental passion for a personal religious experience. In this volume of devotional readings he has gathered together from his wide reading excerpts from religious writings that have meant much to him and here shares them with the public. For each of the 365 days there is a devotional study, most of them quoted from a religious leader of the present generation. Included, however, are some extracts from the religious classics and some written by the compiler. Recommended for individual and group devotions. (Publ.)

Cowan, Arthur A. Scribner

BRIGHT IS THE SHAKEN TORCH $3.00

This volume of sermons is one of a series from Scottish and British divines under the general title "The Scholar as Preacher." Dr. Cowan of Edinburgh proves himself worthy to stand in the line of such well known preachers as A. J. Gossip, A. E. Garvie and James S. Stewart. The sermons in this volume are characterized by their emphasis upon Biblical exposition and theology. Nevertheless, this preaching is by no means aloof from the problems of life today. As a minister of a large Church in Edinburgh, Dr. Cowan knows what people need and endeavors to bring to bear upon the problems of life the resources of the gospel, as set forth in the Bible. Recommended for the clergy of all denominations and students for the ministry. (Publ.)

Fitch, Robert Elliot — Scribner

THE KINGDOM WITHOUT END — $2.50

This book is an examination of the ends which men customarily pursue, the motives by which they are controlled and a comparison of them with the Christian goal and purpose. Pride of power, pride of possessions, pride of intellect, pride of spirit by which contemporary life is so largely controlled are shown to be Kingdoms that have an end, whose reign is temporary no matter how absolute for the time being. There is a Kingdom without end, proclaimed as the Christian gospel expressed in justice, love, beauty, truth, freedom and joy. The arguments are based on theology, but this is a book more for preachers than theologians. (Publ.)

Paterson, John — Scribner

THE PRAISES OF ISRAEL — $2.75

A Scotch Presbyterian steeped in the Biblical scholarship of his home-land, for over fifteen years Professor Paterson has been occupying the chair of Old Testament Exegesis at the Methodist Drew Theological Seminary at Madison, New Jersey. He has won increasing recognition as an able Old Testament scholar and interpreter. The present volume deals with the Psalms and represents a nice balance between a scholarly study and a popular interpretation. The first part of the book tells of the place occupied by the Psalms in Hebrew life and literature. In the second section a few typical psalms are selected for expository study. Then the author deals with some of the great themes of the Psalmists; interpreting their insights in regard to God, man, nature, sin, grace and the life hereafter. It is a book which students of the Old Testament and clergymen will appreciate. (Publ.)

Ramsey, Paul — Scribner

BASIC CHRISTIAN ETHICS — $3.75

This is avowedly a text-book on Christian ethics for use at the undergraduate and seminary level and, as such, it will undoubtedly be met with a wide demand. The author is Associate Professor of Religion at Princeton University and his book is the result of his work in the class room and is therefore tested by experience. Professor Ramsey outlines the religious and theological basis of Christian ethics which must be laid down before Christian principles can be applied to concrete ethical problems. This he does not only by an examination of the Jewish tradition, the teaching of Jesus and of Paul, but by an exposition of the ethical teaching of Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Martin Luther, Soren Kierkegaard and to such modern teachers as Reinhold Niebuhr. The controlling idea in Christian ethics is "obedient love", according to the author. This is a volume for college and seminary teachers and students in this field. (Publ.)

Scott, Ernest F. — Scribner

THE LORD'S PRAYER — $2.50

In his years of retirement Professor Scott has enriched our Christian thought and practice by the many books he has written out of his long experience as a student of the New Testament. The present volume is no exception. This exposition of the Lord's Prayer begins with a discussion of Jesus' conception of prayer. Then the background of the prayer is outlined, its originality defended and finally the meaning of each of the seven positions expounded. This is a solid book which ministers and New Testament scholars will wish to add to their libraries. (Publ.)

Vidler, Alec R. — Scribner

CHRISTIAN BELIEF — $2.50

* Here we have in printed form a course of open lectures delivered in the University of Cambridge. They deal with the basic tenets of our Christian faith:- God, Christ, The Holy Spirit, The Church, The Forgiveness of Sins, Eternal Life. Dr. Vidler addresses him-

self to those who are of an inquiring mind concerning Christianity, and who are not disposed to accept the stereotyped phrases of conventional clergymen, nor equipped to understand the involved arguments of the theologians. He therefore writes simply, directly and convincingly. This is a good book to put into the hands of the questing and the doubting. Clergymen and even theologians will find in it penetrating insights that are illuminating. (Publ.)

RUSSIAN NONCONFORMITY

Bolshakoff, Serge — Westminster
THE STORY OF "UNOFFICIAL" RELIGION IN RUSSIA - Subtitle — $3.00

* The author of this book has entered upon an untrodden field - the study of nonconformist religious faiths in Russia. A large part of it- that dealing with sectarian movements within the Russian Orthodox Church in the past centuries will be of interest only to specialized students of this subject. However, it is a revelation to be told how many such movements there have been. Most of us have thought of the Russian people as solidly Orthodox at least up to the time of the Bolshevick revolution, with only the Old Believers, the Molokani and the Dukhobors breaking away. This book gives quite the opposite impression. The latter part of the book which deals with the developments under the Soviets is all too brief, but it will interest a wide circle of readers. It tells of the wide spread *sectarian* Baptist churches, of the Uniats of the Ukraine, of the Roman Catholic Church and of the position of the Orthodox Church under the Communist regime. The author's position is that the "official religion" of Russia is Communism and that even the orthodox Church is nonconformist. He estimates that one third of the people are communist, one third active religionist either in the Orthodox Church of the Protestant sects, while another third holds itself aloof altogether. This book is "a must" for all who want to know about the state of religion in Russia. (10/23)

Kerr, Hugh Thomson, Jr. — Westminster
POSITIVE PROTESTANTISM — $2.50

The Professor of Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary has given us a timely interpretation of the gospel with special reference to the future functioning of the Protestant Churches. After examining the present confused and uncertain position of Protestantism,Professor Kerr is at pains to point out that the Reformation was no mere negative protest but a positive and fresh discovery of the essential elements in the Gospel of Christ. He then outlines the dominant notes in that Gospel of Christ. He then outlines the dominant notes in that Gospel as they were struck in New Testament times and then proceeds to set forth what would happen to the preaching and evangelistic work in the Protestant Churches if those notes were made to sound again with clarity and authority. This book is one in which a scholar addresses himself to practical problems and makes clear the bearing of Theology, New Testament exegesis and Church History upon the issues which the Church faces. Will be primarily of interest to Protestant ministers. (10/23)

Minear, Paul S. — Westminster
THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER — $4.50

This book gives us an exposition of the New Testament gospel. It is really an attempt to formulate a Christian philosophy of history and then to apply that philosophy to the beginning and the development of the Christian movement. It is a book which will appeal especially to the theologian and the student of Church history and especially to those who are influenced by the neo-orthodox school of thought. It is scarcely a book for the man on the street, but the orderly fashion in which the author arranges his arguments and develops his thesis will appeal to many who want to understand how some modern theologians are interpreting the Christian faith. (10/16)

Sangster, W. E. — Westminster
THE CRAFT OF SERMON ILLUSTRATION — $2.50

This is a book which will appeal exclusively to Protestant ministers and theological students and primarily the latter, for the material embodied in it is quite simple and rudimentary. The author discusses the place and use of illustrations, the various kinds of

illustrations and their sources, and gives many useful hints to those who must prepare a sermon or two every week in the year. (10/18)

Scherzer, Carl J. Westminster

THE CHURCH AND HEALING $4.00

We have here an historical survey of the relation between religion and medicine, from the beginning of civilization until today. Dealing with a subject as vast as this, the author could only hit the high spots, and make no pretense at scholarly thoroughness of treatment. But the book does succeed in giving the historical background and development both of healing practised by the Church and healing inspired by the Church. Those who are specializing in this field will find this historical survey a convenient summary and in the ample bibliography they may find material for more detailed study. For the average reader the last part of the book will be of particular interest, dealing as it does with healing cults such as Christian Science and New Thought, with the Emmanuel Movement and the work of the Federal Councils' Commission on Religion and Health, with the Chaplaincy service in hospitals and with the development of clinical training for theological students and ministers. The first part of the book deals with the work of the Catholic Church as well as the Protestant. In dealing with the modern era the work of the Catholic Church along these lines is hardly given adequate treatment. A book for all those interested in the relation of religion and health. (10/23)

Erdman, Charles R. Winston

YOU AND YOUR BIBLE $2.50

This is an elementary book designed to facilitate study of the Bible by the laity. The author is Professor Emeritus of Princeton Theological Seminary. There is a short exposition of each book of the Bible, and suggestions as to methods of reading the Bible profitably. The point of view is that of traditionally orthodox Protestantism. Dr. Erdman's graciousness of spirit and his own deep veneration for the Word of God are communicated to the reader. Suitable for those just starting out in their Bible reading and study, if the theological presuppositions are acceptable. (10/9)

Fromm, Erich Yale University Press

PSYCHOANALYSIS AND RELIGION $2.50

This is a timely book, for there is widespread interest in the relationship of psychoanalysis and religion. This interest manifests itself in the wide demand for the books of Norman Vincent Peale and Rabbi Liebman, in the emphasis upon pastoral counselling and the adoption by many clergymen of the techniques of analysis and psychotherapy. The determined and bitter opposition of Monsignor Fulton Sheen to psychoanalysis is another indication of the importance of the subject. This book should be read by all who are interested in this field. Many religionists, however, will not find the author's thesis acceptable. He is a layman and came into the psychoanalytic field through the social sciences. He has devoted a great deal of study to the relationship of psychoanalysis to various social fields. Dr. Fromm differentiates in this book between authoritarian and humanistic religion. The former involves "a surrender to a power transcending man"; while the latter is centered around man and his strength. But a similar differentiation is made between "that psychoanalysis which aims primarily at social adjustment and psychoanalysis which aims at "the cure of the soul". According to Fromm the psychoanalyst should be "a physician of the soul". In so functioning the psychoanalyst finds himself in alliance with the humanistic religionist, but finds the teaching and experience of "authoritarian religion" a hindrance and a stumbling block. Accordingly, a close alliance is possible and imperative between certain schools of psychoanalysts and certain schools of religions within Christianity and Judaism, roughly designated as "liberal" or "humanist" thought. But outside of these orbits the influences of psychoanalysis and religion are opposed to one another. A scholarly book, with a careful analysis of the attitude of Freud and Jung towards religion. For those interested in psychoanalysis and for the more liberal schools of Protestant and Jewish thought on this subject. (10/18)

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## *PICTURE STORY BOOKS*

Austin, Margot — Dutton

THE THREE SILLY KITTENS — $1.50

Gallagher and Shean conversations of the three chatty kittens, some adventures garnered from the pages of *Jack and Jill*. Tom, Dick and Harry - pictured hilariously by the author - are constantly faced with problems - what they will grow up to be (cats, of course); how to grow things from old magazines (plant seed catalogues) and why Tom looks like a chair (he has four legs). Elementary logic tousled with great success. (Publ.)

Hogan, Inez — Dutton

RUNAWAY TOGS — $1.75

Although the red and yellow pictures and decorated margins seem to us too gaudy and badly reproduced, this is a pleasant rhyming story about adventurous toys. Joe's toys- a rabbit, sailor and a bear, take the toy car, boat and airplane for an evening's jaunt, feel very small in the midst of grown up airplanes, boats and cars, and return happily to the playroom. A traditional toy-room story with the verse awkward at times, but these toy stories always carry appeal. (Publ.)

Evers, Alf — Grosset & Dunlap

THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT LAUGHED — $.50

This time our engine is homesick - in a full color *Treasure Book*. Smokey was a happy, laughing engine, until he was sent far across the sea where the sun was hot and the people very different. But Smokey liked his new home - except for the fact that George, Smokey's engineer, was not with him. The people do all they can to make Smokey happy so he will run on time, even painting him yellow with red roses, but it is not until George rejoins Smokey that the little engine is his old self. Splashy pictures with fanciful railroad detail by Art Seiden. (Publ.)

Gregor, Kay — Grosset & Dunlap

RANDY AT THE RODEO — $.50

Exciting pictures by William Moyers give the reader a ringside seat at the rodeo. Grandfather, who used to be a cowboy when he was young, explains the goings-on to Randy, as he watches the roping, bronc riding, trick riding and races, and Randy decides he is going to be a cowboy when he grows up. Another satisfying cowboy book to enter in the race against time and Hopalong. Glossy board. (Publ.)

Mace, Katherine — Grosset & Dunlap

THE WONDERFUL DOG SHOW — $.50

Butch, the Afgan, wins a gold ribbon for good behavior at the dog show in this slight story of a dog show which was broken up when a butterfly flew into the midst of the dogs, competing for the prizes. But Butch, because Peter had trained him so well, is a model of politeness. The pictures, although accurate in picturing recognizable breeds, are somewhat stiff. The full color illustrations are by Berthold. Glossy board. (Publ.)

Peters, Lisa — Grosset & Dunlap

THE BIG JUMP-UP ANIMAL BOOK — $.50

The brief text about the jungle animals' search for food is a pleasantly repetitious accompaniment to the spectacular jump-ups. Turn the pages (on spiral binding) and an elephant, bear, lion and giraffe spring up in full color. This novelty (unfortunately fragile) will either delight the small child or frighten him to death. The smooth, detailed illustrations are by William Bartlett. Glossy board. (Publ.)

Tresselt, Alvin — Grosset & Dunlap

THE LITTLE LOST SQUIRREL — $.50

* The enchanting pictures by Leonard Weisgard, in which each animal has a mysterious, reflective personality of its own, make this an exciting picture book. In muted greens, blues and browns the artist creates a squirrel's-eye view of the animals and ferns of the woods - pin-eyed possums, sleepy owl, frightened fox, sharp leaves and bright sky. Through this glimmering world, mother squirrel scampers to find her baby, who finally appears in a nest of golden ducklings. A sunny, friendly story. Glossy board. (Publ.)

Brown, Margaret Wise — Harper

THE PEPPERMINT FAMILY — $1.75

Much ado about peppermint in an amorphous picture book, possibly evolved in haste- a great disappointment from this author who has made so many fine contributions to children's literature. Mr. Peppermint goes to the North Pole (for no apparent reason) and the Peppermint baby is born. Mrs. Peppermint sends a letter to the North Pole for a name ("Chocolate Peppermint" is the choice), and Mr. P. returns home to see the baby. This is an unsuccessful joining of unmatched parts only superficially united in the peppermint device. The text and unfocussed pictures in red and white by Clement Hurd have an unpleasant quality. Board. (Publ.)

Lenski, Lois — Oxford

I LIKE WINTER — $1.00

The snowsuit companion to *Spring is Here* and *Now It's Fall*. Beginning with a singable winter ditty "I Like Winter, I Like Snow" (amateur adult pianists will be glad to know it's in the key of C), the author rhymes the fun of winter activities and special winter feelings - snowmen, snowballs, skating, sledding, even catching cold and getting better. Then the holidays - Christmas with Santa Claus, colored lights, guests and packages; and Valentine's Day. Again the gay little pictures. (Publ.)

*Book Elf Series* — Rand McNally *each* $.25

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| Dixon, Ruth | THREE LITTLE BUNNIES | *photos by Dale Rooks* |
| Gridley, Marion E. | HIAWATHA | *illus. by Irma Wilde* |
| Sherwan, Earl | THE SMART LITTLE MOUSE | *illus. by Katherine L.Phillips* |
| Wadsworth, Wallace | NUMBER 9 | *illus. by Eleanor Corwin* |

Maximilian Bunny has some frightening adventures when he leaves his brother and sister - the garish photos of real live rabbits in dresses are no less frightening.... Hiawatha earns an eagle feather and the name of Little Strong Heart in a gay retelling of the story packed full of Indian activities - charming pictures.... The Smart Little Mouse outwits the Big Red Fox in an animal story with amusing illustrations; And brave Old Jeff and No. 9 are the heroes of the day in putting out a large fire in the fire-engine story - bright, noisy pictures. All in full color and laminated covers. (Publ.)

Jackson, Kathryn — Simon & Schuster

THE GOLDEN CIRCUS — $1.00

With pictures by Alice and Martin Provensen and pages of touch-me fuzz, this slight but amusing story of circus-building should appeal to a reliable market. Mr. Roly-Poly collected his animals - the lion, the elephant, the giraffe, etc., for his circus, but something was missing. It is the elephant who tells Mr. Roly-Poly about the missing element - the band of course! Buoyant pictures for once not buried by the touch-me novelty. The best looking *Fuzzy Golden Book* so far. (Publ.)

*EASY READING*

Sharp, Adda Mai — Steck

DAFFY — $1.50

A rather disjointed picture book about circus animals. The text, full of "see's" and "look's" serves merely to point to the pictures by Elizabeth Rice of the animals in extra-circus activities. Unfortunately, the full-color pictures, although explicit enough for identification, do not carry enough humor interest, especially for the child unfamiliar with the circus paraphernalia which is being overturned, ridden upon and scattered. Very simple words for first year readers. (Publ.)

*BOOKS TO READ ALOUD*

Tracy, Don — Dial

THE DUCK THAT FLEW BACKWARDS — $2.00

A wacky yarn that adults will chuckle at, too, about an outcast duckling who disgraced his father by flying backwards. While Millard's sisters swam and flew in the correct manner, Millard swam and flew stern first, to the consternation of the old man who was all for losing Millard as soon as possible to keep his reputation. However, Millard's talents save the family from hawks and guns and Millard marries Melanie who overlooks his handicap and teaches him to fly frontwards. The humor sparkles in the slangy idiom and the side-of-the-bill cracks of the W.C. Fields duck father. Sketches - some in color badly reproduced- by Lloyd Sandford. (Publ.)

Macmahon, Bryan — Dutton

JACK O'MOORA AND THE KING OF IRELAND'S SON — $2.00

A bouncing bit of folklore in a familiar pattern by the Irish author and playwright. The King of Ireland's son on his quest for the dream maiden whose hair is as dark as the raven's wing etc., picks up the wily Jack O'Moora and an assortment of other supernatural beings, who use their magic powers to help him win the princess who has talents in that direction, too. The form is traditionally repetitious - the prose steaming right out of Galway Bay. Heroic illustrations by Richard Bennett. J.L.G. (Publ.)

Strong, Patience — Dutton

HONEY FOR TEA — $1.50

A book of poetry is usually welcome in the juvenile field - too bad this one is rather a weak cup of tea. Although offering pleasant sweetmeats for the sheltered child, it would seem that this gentle British number is a few degrees removed from the interests of most American children. Selections like "The Black Fairy" "Saturday Cronies" "Nannie Says" are too much in the hot house camp, with a sentimental rendering of an adult reaction to children. However, there are some poems, notably "The Swing", "Aunt Mathilda's Cottage" and "The Garden Path", which have a gay lilt and a surprise or two. Saccharine pictures. (Publ.)

North, Robert, *compiled by* Grosset & Dunlap
THE TREASURE BOOK OF RIDDLES $.50

A sprightly handful of riddles with delightfully literal illustrations by Ruth Wood. Some of the best antiquities here as well as some moron saws and riddles about birds, animals, trees and geography. A few clever toughies too, to try on Mother and Father. Bargain fun on a superior level. Glossy board cover. (Publ.)

Scott, Sally Harcourt, Brace
RIP AND ROYAL $1.75

This popular author always manages to catch the warmth and tenderness in an animal's relation with children, and this touching story is no exception. Peggy Brown loved her beautiful collie, Royal, but Royal did not seem suited to the city. Peggy did not know, of course, that Royal had been trained as a working dog on the farm. When the family visit the country, Peggy discovers that Royal would slip away to help Farmer Kirk herd the cows, doing what he was meant to do. Peggy is forced to make a sad decision, and gives Royal to Mr. Kirk. But the story is a happy one, as there is mischievous Rip, the cocker, who promises to be great fun. Lovely pictures by Beth Krush. Cloth. (Publ.)

Lach, Alma Hart
A CHILD'S FIRST COOK BOOK $1.25

Some rather advanced material here which should require supervision for the younger children. Simple recipes for vegetables, salads, hot dogs, along with pretentious projects such as stews, muffins, and chocolate topped cake. Each recipe with a facing page of pictured ingredients and numbered steps. Equipment, cooking terms and cooking methods are explained in the front. Mother should be on hand to butter burnt fingers and keep little heads out of the oven. Illustrations in two colors by Doris Stolberg. (Publ.)

Tompkins, Jane Lippincott
THE RED SQUIRREL TWINS $2.25

More squirrels - this time in a touching and affectionate presentation with charming black and white sketches by Kurt Wiese. Rusty and Chatterbox began to learn things as soon as they left their mother's warm little nest - some things she taught them and other things they learned by painful experience. Donnie and Linda Fairweather learn things, too, when Donnie captures and cages the baby squirrels. The children learn that confining wild things used to freedom is no kindness, and that the squirrels would be happiest in their own home. The story ends with the children giving the wood animals a lovely Christmas surprise. (Publ.)

Holt, George Little, Brown
NOAH AND HIS ARK $2.00

A completely unorthodox treatment of the Bible story - not regular Sunday School fare, although presenting a delightful and ingenious story of the origin of the peoples of the world, as well as a blythe and good-humored treatment of the Bible story. Noah, his wife Momma, and his sons Shem (yellow skinned), Ham (black skin) and Japheth (white) worked very hard making their ark in the midst of "mean and awful" people. Soon the animals arrived and helped, too - the bear mixed the cement, the chimpanzee delicately painted the Plimsoll lines on the bow and the kangaroo handed out the necessary tools from her pouch. The voyage was a busy one - some were seasick, others played shuffleboard and quoits, and the kangaroo pleaded with everyone to play deck tennis. When the voyage is over, the three sons part for three corners of the earth, taking special animals with them. The impudent drawings by the author- with deliberate anacronisms- are great fun. Cloth.

Wadsworth, Wallace — Rand McNally

THE MODERN STORY BOOK — $2.00

A completely revised edition, this collection of "machine" stories will appeal in subject matter, but the format is on the whole unattractive. Here are stories about trains, fire-engines, automobiles, engines, planes, etc. - all with earnest, devoted personalities and problems of adjustments to new situations. Easy text of the quarter quickie sort. The cartoon illustrations are an ugly combination of muddy off-colors. (Publ.)

Jackson, Kathryn and Byron — Simon & Schuster

PIRATES, SHIPS AND SAILORS — $2.00

Another glittering potpourri of stories and pictures - sure to appeal to sea and ship devotees through variety alone. There are brief stories of boys and girls in sea adventures, poems and songs, with Gustaf Tenggren illustrations in which the sea has never looked so luminous and inviting, so full of wonderful things - tossing full-rigged ships, mammoth waves, and terrible monster whales. The stories are jolly and on the light side. This should be helped by the current showings of *Treasure Island*. A *Giant Golden Book*. Boards. (Publ.)

*EIGHT TO ELEVEN - Fiction*

Hayes, Marjorie — Little, Brown

ROBIN ON THE RIVER — $2.50

A seal named Sol is the chief attraction in this pleasant vacation story set on the New England Coast. Robin, his sister and their friends, do find loot which was stolen by robbers, but the main charm of the book lies in the sea-side doings - boating, lobster trapping, crabbing and swimming. Then there is Sol, a seal in training for show work, who loved to put himself to bed - sometimes with someone already in the bed who came to the door with a hat in his mouth; and who enjoyed poking his shiny nose into others activities. Feather weight fun. Adolph Treidler's seals are more appealing than his children. (Publ.)

Warren, Billy — McKay

SILVER SPURS — $2.50

Randy wins his silver spurs in this warmed over ranch yarn. Twelve-year-old Randy, determined to be a real cowboy on his Uncle Bart's ranch in New Mexico pulls a few boners, but aids in the end in the capture of some rustlers and their informer. Not enough incisive characterization for a tale with a hero of this age, and the action is rudimentary - for a younger age group. The black and white sketches by the author have more dash than the text. (Publ.)

*EIGHT TO ELEVEN - Non-fiction*

Masani, Shakuntala — Oxford

GANDHI'S STORY — $2.50

A fragile grace note beside the stirring biography by Jeanette Eaton (P. 359), this quiet little book is a loving tribute suitable for younger children. Mrs. Masani, an Indian who knew Gandhi, touches lightly on the political and military events of the turbulent years of the South African and Indian struggles against injustice, focussing the narrative on Gandhi as a gentle friend and clever and valiant leader - helping his people, welcoming the outcast, and living for a united India. This account, written for Indian children, should be of great value in schools - lovely, reverent sketches by the author. (Publ.)

Smith, Dorothy Crowell
THE SECRET OF THE LIGHTHOUSE $2.50

The excitement of living in self-sufficient isolation in a lighthouse paces this absorbing story. Vic and Rina, thirteen-year-old orphans, refuse to be separated and move with their older brother to a lighthouse off Long Island. With brother Eddie's after college odd jobs, the family works for money to buy their new home. The reward received from uncovering a mystery involving a rug burglar helps the treasury and at last the lighthouse can be bought. Also Eddie's intended marriage means that the twins are to have a real home. An appealing setting, warm family relationships, well-developed mystery and fast action - all in all, good reading. Folksy sketches by Jean Macdonald. (Publ.)

Pease, Howard Doubleday
THE DARK ADVENTURE $2.50

A haunting, adult book jacket introduces this latest by Mr. Pease - a story of a wandering youngster who lost his memory. Johnny Stevens, forced to leave his fatherless home in Illinois to earn money for his mother and brother and sister in his uncle's grocery store in California, is involved in an accident as he is hitchhiking and loses his memory. Adopted by a friendly elderly couple, Johnny becomes "Charlie Whipple", and in his search to find his real identity, becomes involved with a spoiled rich man's son, Tony, in the unsavory business in selling marihuana to the "hot rod" teen-agers in the California town. Johnny as an innocent bystander is unjustly arrested, and it is not until Tony's father does some detective work and the scene of Johnny's accident is reconstructed, that Johnny is able to break through the bloc he had acquired against leaving school and earning a living, and recover his identity. A first-rate story and some exciting pioneering in the use of psychological devices for juvenile literature. Sensational details tactfully at a minimum.

Neilson, Frances Fullerton Dutton
& Neilson, Winthrop $2.50
BRUCE BENSON ON TRAILS OF THUNDER

Another Bruce Benson story in which thirteen-year-old Bruce strikes out on his own in a summer job with a mining company in the Adirondacks. Determined to demonstrate to his famous explorer parents that he is able to take care of himself, Bruce works with a gang from the Republic Mining Company which is to survey for a project to bring a mineral from the mountains. However, the natives object to having a railroad run through their land. Not only is Bruce responsible for bringing the village around to the progressive point of view, through some quick thinking, but has to cope with an unpleasant boss. The conclusions are over-simplified, but this is a good story with a likeable hero. (Publ.)

Bee, Clair Grosset & Dunlap
PITCHERS' DUEL $.75

The latest Chip Hilton adventure in which Chip outwits politicians and gamblers. In his senior year, Chip was elected Mayor-for-a-Day, and caused some consternation in City Hall. Then Valley Falls wins its way to the finals in the State Tournament and Chip outwits the gamblers and leaps into the ninth inning crisis to pitch. Also there is some dirty work in attempting to put the skids under the Coach, which is happily dissolved in the end. (Publ.)

Payne, Stephen Grosset & Dunlap
TEEN-AGE COWBOY STORIES $1.00

A collection of stories by Mr. Payne similar to *Teen-Age Stories of the West.* Again the author seems pressed for ideas, and although the bunk-house drawl is as relaxed an atmosphere as ever, the characterizations are pretty thin for this age group, and the situations routine. There is the fumbling greenhorn who makes good, the lanky hired man who aims to hitch-up with widowed Ma, and some tips on bronc busting. Not up to the mark set by several other cowboy anthologies. Stiff illustrations by Drayton S. Haff. (Publ.)

Crockett, Lucy Herndon — Holt
TERU: A TALE OF YOKOHAMA — $2.50

* With her knowledge of the Japanese, evident in her *Popcorn on the Ginza* (1949) for adults, and a keen human sympathy and warmth, the author has created an engrossing and full-dimension picture of the conflict of East and West in occupied Japan. Although American girls will rage and wonder at the humiliating and abusive treatment of women and sympathize with 12-year-old Teru as she carries her heavy little brother on her back, obeying his solemn commands, the author has made believable the love and affection the downtrodden Teru has for her father and brothers. This is a portrait of the family, too - their hardships, resistance to new ideas and traditional way of life. Also, although there are imperialistic side-swipes and the Americans talk like Hollywood gangsters, the wonder and affection the Japanese children feel for these "Conqueror Monsters", is touchingly conveyed. Atmospheric sketches by the author. (Publ.)

Hogue, Dick — Holt
BOB CLIFTON: *Jungle Traveler* — $2.50

Some tight-packed action is squeezed into the rather elementary framework of this story of the Belgian Congo. A sequel to *Bob Clifton, Elephant Hunter*, this follows the adventures of seventeen-year-old Bob on his father's plantation. After his father had crash-landed with others near the supposedly friendly Ebondi tribe, Bob follows their trail, after falling into a tiger pit and escaping, only to discover that his father and the rest of the party were about to be tortured because of an ancient superstition about a big bird which the airplane resembled. Bob rescues the party with a display of fireworks, and later helps to track down Simba, the lion who had been terrorizing the area. Authentic jungle atmosphere. Fine sketches by Kurt Wiese. (Publ.)

Du Jardin, Rosamond — Lippincott
WAIT FOR MARCY — $2.50

Gauzy teen-age date dilemmas in the vernacular by the author of *Seventeen*. Through some politic white-lying by fifteen-year-old Marcy's older brother Ken, she and Steve Judson happily pair off for Marcy's first near-steady dating. However, Ken's heart throbs when caught in the snares of the languid Devon, spur him on to some string pulling which results in a quarrel between Marcy and Steve. Pleasant flummery - not too overcooked - but the dateless reader may sigh with envy. Also Marcy grows eerily feline as she hits her stride, and Steve loses much of his manly dignity thereby. (Publ.)

Rendina, Laura Cooper — Little, Brown
DEBBIE JONES — $2.50

A sequel to *Roommates* with the ever-popular boarding-school setting- for a predictable, devoted audience. This time some of the more sticky aspects of boarding school are treated - a hearty crush on a male teacher, a reciprocated possessive affection for a young female teacher, and the tremulous ups and downs of girl-and-girl friendships. However, due to the Saturday morning freshness of Debby the heroine, these normal, inevitable emotional tangles are merely background prods to Debbie's maturing process. Also, after some last minute shuffling with Debbie's lonely roommate, Shelley, Debbie and the newly discovered Peter, a boy her own age, are on the way to steady dating. A full-dimensioned story with a glimpse of faculty jealousies, which may make those beleagured ones squirm, but of which boarding school teen-agers are fully aware. The author has turned boarding school inside out, but even with a seam showing here and there, this is a delightful book. (Publ.)

Cavanah, Frances & Weir, Ruth Cramer — Rand McNally
24 HORSES: *A Treasury of Stories* — $2.50

A collection of stories from magazines and books by well-known authors. Although the selections are briefer than those in *Horses, Horses, Horses* (P. 59 1949), there is a goodly company of equinnes here - Will James' Smokey, the resourceful Hildebrand, a moppet of a pony who somehow brought people together, and even Bucephalus, the horse of Alexander the Great. An impressive line-up of authors, too - S.P.Meek, Marguerite Henry, Cornelia Meigs, Walter Farley, Elizabeth Coatsworth, Lincoln Steffins, Will James, and others. Small pen and ink sketches by Wesley Dennis dot the chapters. (Publ.)

Godwin, Edward & Stephani — Dutton
THE GREENWOOD TREE — $2.50

Highly colored and almost wholly fictionized biography of the Bard of Avon, this bodiless creation- bereft, for this reader, of not only entertainment value but common sense and scholarship, smacking only of strange imagination. Armed with "facts"-garnered from thin air, the authors have fabricated a busily detailed life, despite the accepted fact that Shakespearian scholars have issued many volumes in an attempt to substantiate the very existence of the man as playwright. Little William has a joyous Christmas at Great Uncle Arden's. Later he fences with robbers to protect the proceeds from the latest edition of *Lucrece*. He even meets James of Scotland while strolling with Burbage in that country. Apparently there's no limit to events or conversation (Ex.-"Crispian told me there was not an empty seat in the house" or, the landlady speaking, "they say 'tis home-like"). Much of the writing belongs to the Gadzooks style of formula writing, and there's no excuse for deliberate falsification in juvenile books which should encourage reliable sources of biography. The pictures, too, offer no excuse. (Publ.)

Vance, Marguerite — Dutton
MARIE ANTOINETTE — $2.50

* A satisfying biography for young people of the glittering, fascinating queen is a difficult task, which the author has accomplished with tact and delicacy. Omitting references to the love affairs, the intimate difficulties with lethargic Louis and the more unsavory activities in the court, the author manages to project the charm and aggressive gaiety of the lovely woman who succumbed to the lure of a decaying magnificence only to be destroyed in its fall. The narrative follows Antoinette from her gay girlhood to gallant death. Lovely black and white pictures with one in color by Nedda Walker. J.L.G. (10/2)

Baker, Nina Brown — Harcourt, Brace
SIR WALTER RALEIGH — $2.50

Although told with less swish and dash than Trease's biography (p. 473), this story of the colorful Elizabethan courtier-of-parts reflects the careful scholarship and smooth construction one has been led to expect from Miss Baker. The author allows no rambling side-excursions into atmospheric scene painting; but the story of Raleigh moves at a measured pace from his assignment in Ireland through his favor in Elizabeth's eyes, his marriage and break with the Queen, voyages and final humiliation and death. An absorbing story, well told, and the conversations are manufactured in direct, neutral English which present the gist of the thought without slipping into inaccurate period or contemporary vernacular. (Publ.)

Floherty, John J. — Lippincott
AVIATION FROM THE GROUND UP — $2.75

Another attractive, informative career book concerned with many aspects of today's aviation. With a brief glimpse backward at aviation history, the author plunges into the facts, figures and problems of today. There is a discussion of aircraft and crews, freight transport, use of aircraft in business, helicopters, jets, and training of air personnel. The exciting, "inside" story of the Berlin Airlift is included. Anecdotal, informal prose with no talking down, pace this entertaining, stimulating story - Illustrated with excellent photographs. (Publ.)

Roark, Garland — Doubleday $1.00

RAINBOW IN THE ROYALS

A fast-paced, vivid nautical historical with top rate adventure the drawing card. Plenty of melodrama in this story of a race between two brothers from New England to San Francisco and the gold mines. Bill risks everything - honor to boot, but Jim uses his wits and wins with fair play. Plenty of thrills in a satisfying sea yarn for the armchair sailors and adventurers. (Full report on P. 531). (10/26).

Lambert, Janet — Dutton $2.50

THE RELUCTANT HEART

A sequel to the *Penny Parrish* books- strictly for those who have read the others; as a study of marriage it cannot be recommended, but friends of Penny will be glad to follow her further adventures. Penny Parrish, successful stage actress, is married to producer Josh MacDonald and has become the mother of two children. Dreamily happy with the children in her country home, Penny never considers returning to the stage. However, after reading Josh's new play, and seeing wily little Neda in action as the star, Penny is delighted to have the opportunity to take over the role when Neda leaves. As lead in a popular play and as a mother, Penny meets problems which require a careful adjustment to both, and reaches what she feels, is a new maturity. The story is frothy and meaningless, as marriage is seen through flickering rose lights, success comes too easily, and the problems Josh and Penny face are glamorously removed from the specific marriage difficulties many in the late teens are sure to face. Questionable departure from realistic situations. (Publ.)

Hall, James Norman — A.M.P.-Little, Brown $3.00

THE FAR LANDS

Some of the old Nordhoff and Hall magic - adventure and romance - although slow in starting and a difficult story-within-a-story framework. The tale of a segment of the Tonga clan and the legendary story of the Polynesian migrations, as the clan continues its long search for the Far Lands. There are romantic characters - warlike Koros, Maui young son of the chief, the Koro maiden he loved, and the Tonga priest strong in his faith. A refreshing, unusual story of the bewitching islands. (Full report on P. 525). (11/7).

Faulkner, John — Norton $3.00

CHOOKY

The Penrod adventures of an eleven-year-old Mississippi boy, Chooky, and his playmates with plenty of commotion, and mis-adventures. There is the hand-made ironclad boat, selling religious tracts which led somehow to a wonderful hunting knife (paid for by father), a calamitous painting of a store, and mud and muddle. Wackily logical steps leading downward to mishaps and chuckles. Light-hearted humor, ripe for frothy reading. (Full report on P. 535). (11/6)

## NON-FICTION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Stern, Bill — Doubleday *each* $1.00

FAVORITE BASEBALL STORIES
FAVORITE FOOTBALL STORIES

Reprints in the *Young Moderns Library* published for adults in 1949 and 1948 respectively. A soporific sequence of anecdotes about the game, players, teams, famous contests etc. in each book. Pleasant pick-up reading for devotees. (Publ.)

Wagner, Charles A. Dutton
HARVARD $5.00

An impeccable report on the institution which dates back to the mid 17th century. The text follows the history of the college: its expansion, new systems of studies, endowments, clubs, sports, participation in political issues and wars, rebellions - and famous presidents, teachers and students. For those thinking Cambridge-ward upon high-school graduation. Illustrated with photographs, drawings and endpapers. (Full report on P.583). (11/10)

Kimbrough, Emily Harper
THE INNOCENTS FROM INDIANA $2.75

* Of more direct interest than the gibes at clubwomen in *It Gives Me Great Pleasure* these reminscences of a Chicago childhood should tickle older girls. The big city proved to be a shattering experience after Indiana - hotels, unsympathetic neighborhoods, and a big girls' school provide vastly entertaining anecdotes. Good fun with the Kimbrough touch. (Full report on P. 576). (10/18).

Jennings, John Little, Brown
THE PEPPER TREE $3.00

Straight melodrama in this sea tale about a secret, a fearful voyage, war and escapes on a desert island, and the triumph of true love. Jem Shaw ships aboard the *Java* whose captain knows the secret of where rare pepper may be found. With Captain Coit is his lovely wife, whom Jem loves. After dangers and adventures in which Coit is finally killed, Jem and Coit's wife escape together. A tight-packed, fast-moving yarn. Very little emphasis on historical background. (Full report on P. 570). (11/21).

Hough, Henry Beetle Ives Washburn
ONCE MORE THE THUNDERER $3.50

A casual country weekly chronicle by the author of *Country Editor* - quiet, but pleasant for leisurely reading. Affection for his community (Martha's Vineyard) and stories of the period of two hurricanes, two murder cases and the war. Stories of the Vineyard people - characters, celebrities, and just people. Of regional interest, too. (Full report on P. 586). (11/17).

Stokely, James- *Ed.* Ives Washburn
SCIENCE MARCHES ON $3.50

A collection of radio talks given through the years on the General Electric *Science Forum* radio program, by specialists in every field. A large range - science progress, even science fiction and its value, climate, hypertension, isotopes, hayfever, biological warfare, photographing the ocean's floor, Atlantis, sound waves, meteors, the sun, the dodo, the bat, protoplasm, longevity, atomic energy etc. Specialized and popular at the same time, for the aspiring scientist. (Full report on P. 578). (10/25).

*BOOKS OF INTEREST TO PARENTS AND TEACHERS*

Van Riper, C. Harper
TEACHING YOUR CHILD TO TALK $2.50

An informal but instructive analysis of how a child learns to talk and an intelligent approach in aiding this development. A light touch on the subject which includes a discussion of first babbling through teen-age non-stop conversation. Guide-posts to what to look for in basic speech skills and speech disorders. Some wise warnings to parents in wrong teaching techniques. Enlightening and worth-while. (Full report on P. 581). (11/1).